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### **NEON MILE: SIXTH ANNUAL HISTORIC MIRACLE MILE OPEN HOUSE AND TOUR**

**FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013, 5:30 P.M. – 10:30 P.M.**  
**STARTING POINT: MONTEREY COURT, 505 W. MIRACLE MILE**

The Sixth Annual Historic Miracle Mile Open House and Tour will take place on Friday, May 10, 2013, from 5:30 p.m. to – 10:30 p.m. This year the FREE event will feature historic and revitalized resources on Miracle Mile between the Oracle Road intersection and Fairview Avenue.

This special evening will include history lectures; tours of the Ghost Ranch Lodge historic cactus garden; a celebratory lighting of the iconic Wayward Winds Lodge neon sign, salvaged, restored, and re-installed on Miracle Mile; and a guided, flashlight tour of the Evergreen Cemetery to discover some of Tucson's notable people and their connections to the Old Pueblo. Bring your flashlight and get a different perspective on our past.

Monterey Court, the host for this year's event, will be celebrating its first anniversary as an adapted historic resource with music, cake, outdoor market shopping, gallery tours, and much more! All are invited to celebrate the Historic Miracle Mile area and its ongoing revitalization.

Talks on the historic significance of the area, with particular attention to the contribution of neon to the historic mile, will be given at 5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Ghost Ranch Lodge. Presenters include Carlos Lozano, founder of Vanishing Tucson; and Demion Clinco, President, Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation. Between 5:45 p.m. and 7 p.m., there will also be ongoing guided tour of the Ghost Ranch Lodge historic cactus garden.

The historic Wayward Winds neon sign lighting will take place between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., followed at 8 p.m. by the after-dark tour of Evergreen Cemetery with historian Ken Scoville, starting from the Monterey Court. Parking and event information will be available at Monterey Court, and west of the facility on Miracle Mile.

This free Open House and Tour is a collaborative effort of the Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation, Ward III, City of Tucson, and businesses and organizations in the Oracle/Miracle Mile area.

For more information about the event, visit [www.preservetucson.org](http://www.preservetucson.org) and click on News & Events, or contact Linda Mehall, Ward III, at (520) 791-4711, or [Linda.Mehall@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Linda.Mehall@tucsonaz.gov)

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